

# National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2003-2004

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## Documentation, Codebook, and Frequencies

MEC Questionnaire Component:  
Alcohol Use Questionnaire Data

Survey Years:  
2003 to 2004

SAS Export File:  
ALQ\_C.XPT



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# NHANES 2003–2004 Data Documentation

Questionnaire Section: MEC Interview

Alcohol Use (ALQ\_C)

Years of Coverage: 2003–2004

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<b>Component Description</b>	This section on alcohol use (ALQ) focused on lifetime and current use (past 12 months). Questions are not specific to type of alcohol used.
<b>Eligible Sample</b>	20+ years.
<b>Interview Setting and Mode of Administration</b>	MEC Interview Room, Mobile examination Center. Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.
<b>Quality Assurance &amp; Quality Control</b>	Data collections software included consistency checks, including range checks, valid response checks, and checks for logical relationships. Soft edits alerted respondents to a potential error or problems, but allowed the respondents to proceed after confirming that the entry was correct. Hard edits prohibited the respondents from continuing with the ACASI until the error was corrected.
<b>Data Processing and Editing</b>	Data for participants aged 12-19 years are not included in this release due to confidentiality concerns. However special use data files for this age group are available through the NCHS Research Data Center.
<b>Analytic Notes</b>	N/A
<b>References</b>	N/A

## NCHS Locator Fields

**Title:** Alcohol Use (ALQ\_C)

**Contact Number:** 1-866-441-NCHS

**Years of Content:** 2003–2004

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**Access Constraints:** None

**Use Constraints:** None

**Geographic Coverage:** National

**Subject:** Alcohol Use

**Record Source:** NHANES 2003–2004

**Survey Methodology:** NHANES 2003–2004 is a stratified multistage probability sample of the civilian non-institutionalized population of the U.S.

**Medium:** NHANES Web site; SAS transport files.

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey  
Codebook for Data Production (2003-2004)**

**Alcohol Use section of the MEC CAPI Questionnaire (ALQ\_C)  
Person Level Data**

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<b>SEQN</b>	<b>Target</b>
	B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)
<b>Hard Edits</b>	<b>SAS Label</b>
	Respondent sequence number
<b>English Text:</b> Respondent sequence number.	
<b>English Instructions:</b>	

<b>ALQ101</b>	<b>Target</b>
	B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)
<b>Hard Edits</b>	<b>SAS Label</b>
	Had at least 12 alcohol drinks/1 yr?
<b>English Text:</b> The next questions are about drinking alcoholic beverages. Included are liquor (such as whiskey or gin), beer, wine, wine coolers, and any other type of alcoholic beverage. In any one year, {have you/has SP} had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage? By a drink, I mean a 12 oz. beer, a 4 oz. glass of wine, or an ounce of liquor.	
<b>English Instructions:</b>	

Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	2956	2956	ALQ120Q
2	No	1356	4312	
7	Refused	0	4312	
9	Don't know	1	4313	
.	Missing	429	4742	

<b>ALQ110</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
		Had at least 12 alcohol drinks/lifetime?		
<b>English Text:</b> In {your/SP's} entire life, {have you/has he/ has she} had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?				
<b>English Instructions:</b>				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Yes	724	724	
2	No	631	1355	End of Section
7	Refused	0	1355	End of Section
9	Don't know	2	1357	End of Section
.	Missing	3385	4742	

<b>ALQ120Q</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
0 to 366		How often drink alcohol over past 12 mos		
<b>English Text:</b> In the past 12 months, how often did {you/SP} drink any type of alcoholic beverage? PROBE: How many days per week, per month, or per year did {you/SP} drink?				
<b>English Instructions:</b> ENTER '0' FOR NEVER. ENTER QUANTITY.				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
0 to 365	Range of Values	3675	3675	
777	Refused	0	3675	
999	Don't know	4	3679	
.	Missing	1063	4742	

<b>ALQ120U</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
		# days drink alcohol per wk, mo, yr		
<b>English Text:</b> UNIT OF MEASURE.				
<b>English Instructions:</b> ENTER UNIT.				
<b>Code or Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>Skip to Item</b>
1	Week	1114	1114	
2	Month	661	1775	
3	Year	920	2695	
7	Refused	0	2695	
9	Don't know	0	2695	
.	Missing	2047	4742	

<b>ALQ130</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
		Avg # alcoholic drinks/day -past 12 mos		
<b>English Text:</b> In the past 12 months, on those days that {you/SP} drank alcoholic beverages, on the average, how many drinks did {you/he/she} have?				
<b>English Instructions:</b> IF LESS THAN 1 DRINK, ENTER '1'. IF 95 DRINKS OR MORE, ENTER '95'. ENTER # OF DRINKS.				
<b>Code or Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>Skip to Item</b>
1 to 50	Range of Values	2696	2696	
77	Refused	0	2696	
99	Don't know	3	2699	
.	Missing	2043	4742	

<b>ALQ140Q</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
0 to 366		#days have 5 or more drinks/past 12 mos		
<b>English Text:</b> In the past 12 months, on how many days did {you/SP} have 5 or more drinks of any alcoholic beverage? PROBE: How many days per week, per month, or per year did {you/SP} have 5 or more drinks in a single day?				
<b>English Instructions:</b> ENTER '0' FOR NONE. ENTER QUANTITY.				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
0 to 365	Range of Values	2696	2696	
777	Refused	0	2696	
999	Don't know	3	2699	
.	Missing	2043	4742	

<b>ALQ140U</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
		# days per week, month, year?		
<b>English Text:</b> UNIT OF MEASURE.				
<b>English Instructions:</b> ENTER UNIT.				
Code or Value	Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Week	189	189	
2	Month	150	339	
3	Year	652	991	
7	Refused	0	991	
9	Don't know	0	991	
.	Missing	3751	4742	

<b>ALQ150</b>		<b>Target</b>		
		B(20 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)		
<b>Hard Edits</b>		<b>SAS Label</b>		
		Ever have 5 or more drinks every day?		
<b>English Text:</b> Was there ever a time or times in {your/SP's} life when {you/he/she} drank 5 or more drinks of any kind of alcoholic beverage almost every day?				
<b>English Instructions:</b>				
<b>Code or Value</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>Skip to Item</b>
1	Yes	600	600	
2	No	3079	3679	
7	Refused	0	3679	
9	Don't know	0	3679	
.	Missing	1063	4742	